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SC plans upgrade for cruise passenger terminal

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The South Carolina State Ports Authority is improving its passenger terminal as cruise business grows in Charleston.

Charleston Mayor Joe Riley and authority officials on Thursday introduce the planning team for the terminal and will let the public know how to get involved in the effort.

Last month, the authority chose Cooper Robertson and Partners of New York to develop plans to improve the authority's existing passenger terminal on the Cooper River and nine acres of land around it.

The announcement came about the same time that Carnival Cruise Lines announced it will base a ship in Charleston beginning next spring. The vessel will sail year-round from Charleston, meaning millions for the local and state economies.